

## A FINE SHOWING

Made by the City Gas Trustees for the Year of 1896.

## FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS

The Gas and Electric Light Plants Have Been Self-Sustaining, Besides Paying a Part of the Overdraft of 1894 and Settling Bills that Belonged to 1895—Board of Equalization and Appeals in Session. Other Public Business.

Secretary Godfrey Schulz, of the city board of gas trustees, yesterday made public the annual report of the trustees, giving the financial details of the operation of the gas works and electric light plant for the year 1896. The report is the best that has come from this department of the city for many years and for the first time since the electric light plant was added onto the gas works, the trustees make a report that shows the gas-electric light department to have been self-sustaining, in addition to which the trustees reduced the overdraft of December, 1894, over \$1,200, leaving the net overdraft on the first of the present year \$9,601.49, which is substantiated by an inspection of the board's bank book, which was examined yesterday afternoon by the Intelligence man.

The cash balance at the end of the year is \$425.00, which is after paying all running expenses of 1896—not a bill remains to be paid now—and paying a number of bills due December 1, 1895, carried over into 1896, aggregating \$8,710.00, together with the renewal of reports, purchase of lime traps and the addition of twelve arc lamps, bringing the total amount paid not really belonging to the year, \$12,396.00.

The board makes a comparative statement of the amount of free gas given out during the year, the total for which increased from \$5,844.10 in 1895 to \$6,560.30 in 1896, an increase of \$716.20. Taken altogether, the report is one that reflects credit on the present board of gas trustees. The board had not expected to make a showing equal to what is shown below. They would have been satisfied if they had been able to make the gas works and electric light plant barely self-sustaining.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Council of the City of Wheeling.

GENTLEMEN:—The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the gas works for the year 1896:

RECEIPTS.	\$100,519.51
Total receipts—GAS WORKS.	
Attending calls and adjusting meters.	\$2,361.10
Apparatus.	1,644.54
Coal.	21,710.91
Coal hauling.	2,383.32
Coke hauling.	214.72
Enlarging and extending mains.	810.99
Expense, salaries and miscellaneous.	5,139.26
Gas making and iron furnished.	20,344.20
Harvey & Co. (collected).	122.40
Coal.	
Interest on coal.	\$312.94
Overdraft.	968.21
Lime for purifying.	900.01
Meters.	1,882.71
Renewing reports.	2,857.98
Service.	2,900.45
Stable account.	
Wagons, cart, harness repair.	\$133.10
Feed.	73.72
Shoeing.	103.05
Repair of stable.	6.64
Veterinary services.	4.00
Blacksmithing and iron furnished for tools.	528.10
Trays for lime.	425.00
	\$76,520.26
DISBURSEMENTS—ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.	
Carbons and globes.	\$2,535.36
Improvements (12 new lamps).	564.00
Miscellaneous.	418.22
Oil, waste and packing.	3,358.80
Repairs.	12,150.90
Wages.	
Total expenditures.	\$22,574.16
Total receipts.	\$100,519.51
Balance.	\$425.00

The above balance is left after paying the running expenses for 1896, in full, and after the bills of December 1, 1895, carried over, as follows:

For gas works, coal, for October and November, 1895. 3,175.00

For electric light plant. 1,809.29—\$5,000.00

Renewing reports. 2,857.98

Purchasing lime traps. 425.00

Adding 12 electric lamps, making a total of 41 lamps now in use. 564.00

The overdraft December 31, 1894. \$11,318.21

Reduced in 1895. 625.71

Reduced in 1896. 1,231.01—\$9,100.00

Overdraft January 1, 1897. \$9,601.49

The following gas was furnished free by order of council. A comparative statement of 1895 and 1896 is herewith submitted, showing an increase of over \$700:

1895.	1896.
Wheeling Hospital.	\$420.20
City Hospital.	281.20
Boys' Home (in month).	25.00
Children's Home.	25.00
Home for Friendless Women.	125.20
St. Alphonsus Weiser Ve-rein.	70.20
Rescue Home.	19.40
City Hall.	2,383.00
Second Ward Market.	519.00
Fifth Ward Market.	400.00
Vigilant engine house.	120.70
Seventh ward engine house.	115.20
Chemical engine house.	210.30
Atlantic engine house.	322.20
Hook and Ladder house.	88.80
Nagara engine house.	297.10
Eighth ward engine house.	165.00
Totals.	\$5,844.10
Interest free gas.	\$706.20
Also furnishing gas for 29 street gas lamps for the year.	

Respectfully submitted,  
THE GAS BOARD.  
E. HUCKMAN, President.  
GODFREY SCHULZ, Secretary.

Second and Third Wards.

To the Editor of the Intelligence.

SIR: Will you please publish the dividing line between the Second and Third wards?

READER.

The line dividing the wards is as follows: Beginning at the point of the intersection of the center line of Twelfth street and low water mark, to the intersection with the center line of High street, to the intersection with the center line of Lind and Thirteenth streets; thence with the center line of Thirteenth street extended to the eastern boundary of the city.

In Clerk Robertson's Office.

Four deeds of trust were recorded by Clerk Robertson yesterday. One deed was recorded as follows: Deed made December 31, 1896; Frederick Hell to Alfred Caldwell, lot No. 19 in Grandview sub-division; consideration \$5 and a promissory note.

Equalization and Appeals.

The city council committee on equalization and appeals, held a meeting in the committee room at the city building yesterday, both morning and afternoon, and heard protests against city assessments. Recommendations on a number of cases were made to council, but the report was not made public.

Water Board's Report.

The annual report of the city water board soon to be made public, will show that the board has had a very successful year during 1896, in addition to completing the affairs of the works, the surplus for the year will amount to something like \$35,000, which is a first-class showing for the department. Secretary

John E. Scheibner is now at work on the report, which will be completed in a few days.

## In the Courts.

There were no sessions of the criminal court yesterday, but that tribunal of justice, with Judge Hugus on the bench, will convene this morning at 9:30 o'clock, when the docket for the present term will be called. As the grand jury found a small number of indictments the present term will be a short one, comparatively speaking.

Judge Paul's side of the circuit court was not in session yesterday. In Part I, circuit court, Judge Hervey, the case of the city of Wheeling vs. Julia Chisnell, appeal No. 1, from the verdict in the city police court, there was a motion by the defendant to quash the warrant issued in the lower court, on the ground of insufficiency. This was argued by counsel for each side, after which it was taken under advisement by the court.

In the case of the city of Wheeling vs. Julia Chisnell, appeal No. 2, the same action was taken.

In the case of Jacob Snook vs. J. F. Cline, trial was set for January 14. The case of Amelia S. Woods vs. the Preferred Accidental Association of New York, was argued by counsel, and the case was unfinished when court adjourned for the day.

## THEY ARE GOOD PRODUCERS.

The Standard's Man, "D. S. W." Thinks a Ripe Producing Pool is Found.

The late wells in the Benwood pool, Monroe county, says "D. S. W." are showing a more determined disposition to hold up at a good daily production than some of those completed early last month. The Liberty Oil Company's No. 2, McFarland, is still making twenty barrels an hour, and No. 4 on the same property, is holding up at twenty-five barrels an hour. The Fisher Oil Company's No. 4, D. Price, is another good stayer and is credited with twenty-five barrels an hour. The simple fact that these three wells are producing more than 1,500 barrels a day is conclusive evidence that a part of the Benwood pool at least has a ripe oil producing sand. The area of the pool has not been fully defined, but some recent offers for territory to the north-east and in advance of developments shows that those now most actively engaged in developing the pool are possessed of a good deal of faith in its extension. Operators as a rule are not putting up big bonus for territory now unless it looks to be well located.

In Wetzel county, the South Penn Oil Company has completed its No. 2 on the Anson Cain farm, and has a duster. Their failure at this venture is in the than made up by No. 3, Riley, in the same territory. The Gordon sand is scheduled a two hundred barrel producer. The location of the well is along the line of developments south of the Mills tract. The size of the Riley well only confirms what has been maintained in these reports, that a deep well and territory along the edge of Wetzel county is bound to receive recognition sooner or later. The whole territory is under lease and it only remains for the drill to tell its extent and probable richness.

In the Jakes run district, Monongalia county, Lowrie, McDermott & Company have drilled in a test well on the E. Wells farm that is producing at the rate of one hundred and fifty barrels a day from the Big Injun formation.

## COL JOHN HAY.

Lincoln's Old Secretary Said to be Booked for Ambassador to England.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington, D. C., says: President-elect McKinley will select Col. John Hay as ambassador to Great Britain to succeed Mr. Bayard. Colonel Hay has had a great deal of diplomatic experience. He has been secretary of the legation at Paris, Vienna and Madrid, and was often charged d'affaires at interim at each of these capitals. Mr. Hay was one of President Lincoln's secretaries.

## Want Government Ownership.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 5.—In the assembly Behrman has introduced a resolution instructing California's delegation in Congress to work against all Pacific railroad refunding bills, and in lieu thereof to favor legislation providing for the foreclosure and sale of the roads upon condition that the government shall bid in the roads and operate them as a national enterprise for the benefit of the people. Caminetti offered a substitute opposing all extensions of Pacific roads, debts, requesting senators and representatives in Congress to use all honorable means to defeat the funding bill, favoring the immediate collection of railroad debts and in event such debts cannot be collected, favoring the enforcement of the existing laws of the United States concerning Pacific roads.

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## HERE AND THERE.

Every month or two a story is told in which the time honored and always useful Wheeling stogie poses as the central figure. Here are two that are all right:

A Cincinnati drummer, who comes to Wheeling occasionally, always lays in a supply of the brand known as "Kaintucks"—those long, lank, hungry-looking fellows that are strong enough to walk and will put a green hand to sleep, or worse, if he ventures to tackle them. The drummer reached the Queen City a day or two after being in Wheeling, and handed over some of these "Kaintucks" neatly wrapped in tin foil with the information that they were Cuban segars, which he had been fortunate enough to smuggle into the country while down in Mobile. They had cost him \$15 a hundred gotten in that irregular and illegitimate manner, and were segars that would ordinarily sell at retail for a quarter apiece.

Of course the Cincinnati's friend appreciated the gift, and did not long delay in trying the Cubans (?). He did not imagine that his friend would be deceived after having smoked the strong fellows, so his surprise can be imagined when, at their first subsequent meeting, his friend was loud in his praise of the segars and wanted to know where he could get a supply. The drummer, out of kindness of heart, did not enlighten his friend and assured him it would be impossible to get more of the same brand.

What's in a name, anyhow?

This same drummer tried the same old "Kaintucks" on another friend—a competitor on the road—but with a different result. They were in Portsmouth, Ohio, and both were anxious to catch the next train for Ironton, where they were after the same man for an order (they are in the same line of business). "Our" drummer laid out his rival in a remarkable manner and the Wheeling stogie was the hero of the occasion, so to speak. Shortly before train time the two hid themselves to the hotel billiard room and whiled away the hour by a game of billiards. Before this the drummer's unsuspicious rival had accepted a "Kaintuck" under the impression, of course, that it was a fine Cuban cigar. The gay deceiver was by long odds the poorer player, but through the astonishing effects of the stogie, the other fellow was unable to play "this game," and was beaten easily. Before the end of the game he was as pale as a sheet, trembling like a reed and was altogether in a pitiable condition—so much so that he missed the train, took to his bed and laid on his back two days. In the meantime "our" man went on and got the order without any trouble.

An innocent rustic from down the river having had the fires of love kindled in his breast during the past year by a neighboring damsel, found the flames so ardently glowing that naught would do but he must make a proof of his affections with a Christmas gift. So he journeyed to the city a few days ago and, with the cash accumulated under the heat of harvest sun, selected a handsome little watch, after much visiting over and distrusting of the samples shown. With glad heart, the following evening by the side of his sweetheart, he removed his treasure and with his heart beating double time awaited her joyous surprise. With her fond eyes beaming on him he removed the cover of the box and then another box appeared. This, in turn, was followed by a smaller box, and then a smaller one, and so on, until after removing the last covering, a piece of tissue paper was all that remained. No word picture can tell his disappointment. After a sleepless night and without breakfasting, he arrived in the city, to find that in his haste he had picked up an empty box instead of the one containing the watch. His mistake was soon remedied and now in that neighborhood two hearts "tick" as one.

## A HIGH COMPLIMENT

Paid Judge Holt on Assuming the Duties of His Office.

GRAFTON, W. Va., Jan. 5.—Hon. John Homer Holt, the newly elected judge of this, the third judicial circuit, opened his first term of court here yesterday, in this, his home town. The court house was filled with friends and admirers of the judge, who came to see him "don the judicial ermine." The felicitations of the bar were expressed in preamble and resolutions, in which the members of the bar expressed their confidence in Judge Holt's abilities, and extended him congratulations upon his elevation to the position; also, pledging him earnest co-operation toward making his term of service one of pleasure and usefulness.

## Polish Church Riot.

BAY CITY, Mich., Jan. 5.—A thousand of the warring faction of Poles who are determined that Father Bogacki shall not officiate as their priest, attacked the parsonage of St. Stanislaus church to-day and stormed it for over an hour. All the windows were broken and doors battered down. The entire police force was unable to quiet the mob. At 2:30 this afternoon Father Bogacki surrendered and was driven to another priest's house. The police took possession of the parsonage. Joseph Yochomovitch was shot in the body and fatally injured. Detective Fitzgerald, who was guarding the beleaguered pastor, was arrested charged with firing the shot.

## Five Injured.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 5.—The passenger train on the Burlington jumped a trestle entering the city to-day. Five people were badly injured, one of them fatally. They are: John Surlee, conductor; Robert Adkins, Henderson, Iowa, fatally; S. W. Lamb, expressman; Miss May Paul, Henderson; Curtis Curran, brakeman.

## THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Pittsburgh..HUDSON, 2:30 a. m.  
Parkersburg..BEN HUR, 4 a. m.  
Pittsburgh..ARGAND, 7 a. m.  
Matamoras..LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.  
Parkersburg..LEROY, 11 a. m.  
Sistersville..RUTH, 2:30 p. m.  
Clarksburg..JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Charleston..KANAWHA, 6 a. m.  
Sistersville..RUTH, 2:30 p. m.  
Clarksburg..JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.  
BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.  
Cincinnati..HUDSON, 8 a. m.  
Matamoras..LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.  
Parkersburg..LEROY, 11 a. m.  
Sistersville..RUTH, 2:30 p. m.  
Clarksburg..JEWEL, 3:30 p. m.

## Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 5 feet 6 inches and stationary. Weather, snow and colder.

## River Telegrams.

OIL CITY—River 3 feet and rising. Cloudy and cold.  
WARREN—River 3 feet 3 inches. Cloudy and cold.  
GRIENSBORO—River 8 feet 6 inches and rising. Rainfall .35. Light snow. Weather colder.  
MORGANTOWN—River 5 feet. Has been snowing most of the day. Getting colder.  
PITTSBURGH—River 21 feet and rising at the dam. Clear and cold.  
STEUBENVILLE—River 3 feet 2 inches and falling. Cloudy and cold. Passed up—The Adelle, Wash Honnell. Passed down—The Kanawha.  
PARKERSBURG—The Ohio river is 10 feet 1 inch and rising. Cloudy. Mercury at 25. Passed up—The Ben Hur. Ida Smith. Passed down—The Valley Belle. Down—H. K. Bedford. The Little Kanawha is rising. Passed up—The Hilton.

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No. 67 14th st., 8-room dwelling. No. 245 Main st., 8-room dwelling. No. 123 S. Elm st., island, 6-room dwelling. No. 248 Main st., 2 rooms, 3d floor. No. 85 Ohio st., 2 rooms. No. 248 and 249 Market st., stores and dwelling.

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House 12 rooms, wide center hall, modern conveniences and large lot, No. 248 Chapline street; cheap and terms easy.

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